country and therefore, do not fall under the ambit of Indian laws as of now, unless decoders are required for their reception in which case their programmes/ advertisements, when transmittd through a cable operator, are required to adhere to the programme/advertisement codes prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995. With a view to bring the foreign satellite channels within the ambit of Indian laws including programme codes and standards, Government proposes to bring before Parliament a comprehensive legislation for inter-alia, regulating private broadcasting in the country.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Pay Hike for Administrative Staff in Prasar Bharati

5259. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the status of administrative staff in the Prasar Bharati as on date:

(b) the reasons for not giving pay hike to administrative staff in Prasar Bharati as has been given to the Programme and Engineering staff;

(c) whether an Hon'ble court has rodered to give pay hike to Administrative staff in AIR and Doordarshan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the present position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) As on date there is no change in the status of administrative staff in the Prasar Bharati.

(b) Since the Administrative cadre and Programme/Engineering cadre are two different wings of Prasar Bharati and neither the duties and responsibilities nor the pay scales of these two wings are similar and cannot be compared to each other, the Government has not found it feasible to extend the benefit of upgraded pay scales to administrative staff of Prasar Bharati.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Advertisement Dues

†5260. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased state:

(a) the revenue earned by Doordarshan through advertisements in the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000.

(b) whether some amount of Doordarshan is outstanding against advertisers;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any action has been taken by Government to realize the said amount; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) 1998-99: Rs. 414.14 crores: 1999-2000 : Rs.610.29 crores.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Details are annexed. [Refer to the Statement appended to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 5253 Part (b)]

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Following steps have been taken by Doordarshan for recovery of outstandings and to ensure that outstandings are reduced to a minimum level:

(i) Outstandings are monitored on monthly basis and regular reminders are sent to the agencies for the clearance of the outstanding dues.

(ii) No fresh programme is allotted to any defaulting agency/producer.

(iii) Agencies which have outstandings have been asked to follow a payment plan to wipe-off the arrears in three months. All the producers/

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